

Harpswell Conservation Commission
Minutes for meeting of July 7, 2009, 3:00 PM,
Municipal Office Building, Mountain Road, Harpswell, Maine

Members present: Mary Ann Nahf (chair), Don Jones, Burr Taylor, Anne Perry,
Ann Nemrow, Tony Barrett. Absent Deirdre Strachan.
Carol Tukey, Town Planner.

Meeting called to order at 3:07 pm by M. Nahf. Minutes of June 16, 2009 approved. Moved by A. Nemrow, seconded by T. Barrett. Unanimous.

Old Business:

D. Jones asked what the status was of the letter that was to have been sent to Terri Sawyer clarifying the Concom position on the Hildreth Road parcel. She had sent an email to the commission several weeks ago asking for our comment to forward on to the selectmen. Several issues were discussed and M. Nahf will send an email to members outlining our thoughts on wetlands, vernal pools, possible house lot, setbacks, monitoring the plant succession of the timbered areas, public access, parking (none), and possible easement for access for traditional uses. Concom members will then discuss the letter prior to the vote on July 21 meeting before sending to T. Sawyer, ass't. Town administrator.

Subcommittees:

Land Conservation: Refer to the above Hildreth Road issue

Conservation Education: A. Nemrow discussed her articles on the following: 1. Resolution for lawn care; ok with slight modification. To be held for later distribution. 2. Best Garden Practices; T. Barrett and B. Taylor not certain on usefulness of this piece. It was agreed to hold off on this for now. 3. Six Point Organic Lawn Practices; excellent piece which will be distributed at a later date.

New Business:

M. Nahf discussed Maine Audubon Habitat presentation which will be held in early fall 2009. Could be held at HHLT or Town Hall. We should respond now to guarantee a place for the talk. M. Nahf to contact Audubon for info regarding appropriateness.

B. Taylor would like to schedule a meeting with CPIC to discuss the Focus Areas in Town and the interaction with growth areas.

M. Nahf brought to the attention of members a piece of land that is being made available to the Town and which will be discussed at the July 9 selectmen's meeting. Parcel 79 is approximately 20 acres in Long Reach Focus Area and abuts existing Town land and Long Reach Cove. Selectmen may be looking for our opinion on this probably in the fall.

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm

D. Jones, sec'y.